

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are now present in this application.

Claims 13-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ELECTION

The Examiner has given the following Restriction Requirement:

Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to a device; and

Group II, claims 13-19, drawn to a method.

In response to this requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-12 drawn to a device. This election is with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that it should be no undue burden on the Examiner to consider all claims in the single application. However, without conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, but simply to expedite prosecution of the present application, it is noted that non-elected claims 13-19 have been cancelled.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional application at a later time, if so desired.

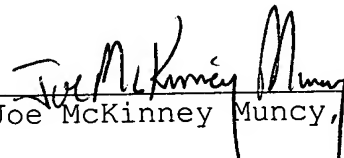
In the event there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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